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# X-MEN

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YOU MET  
**RED  
RAVEN--**

IS THE  
DAY YOU MET  
YOUR  
**DOOM!**

**RED RAVEN  
LIVES AGAIN!**

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ON THE ISLAND STRONG,  
HOLD OF MAGNETO, THE  
X-MEN MAY FINALLY HAVE  
REACHED THE END OF THEIR  
COLORFUL CAREERS...  
BUT, JUST BETWEEN US,  
MERRY MUTANT WATCHERS,  
DON'T COUNT 'EM OUT YET!

AS IT WAS  
DESTINED... THE  
ONCE MIGHTY X-MEN  
NOW LIE HELPLESS  
BEFORE ME... IN  
DEFEAT!

YES, MASTER...  
YES! NOW YOU  
MUST SLAY THEM,  
MASTER!

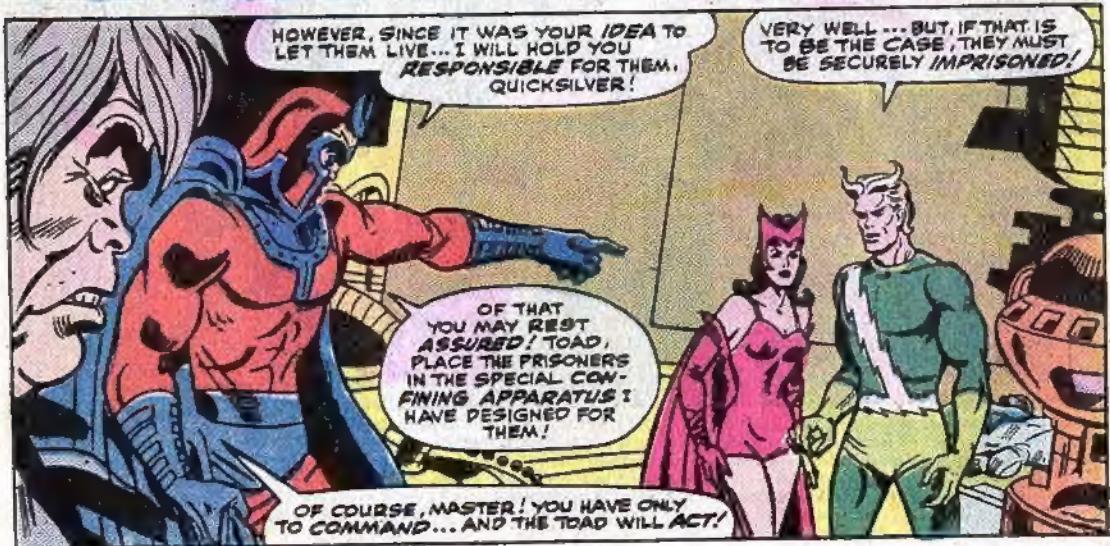
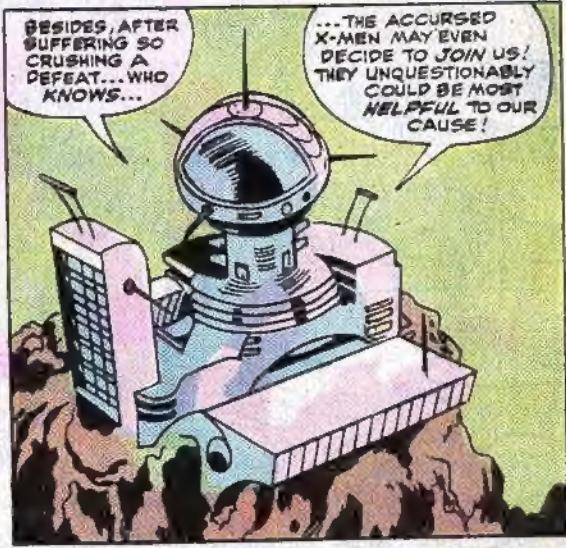
OH, YES...  
YES! SLAY  
THEM EVERY  
ONE!

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(OH, YEAH, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU  
WHO ARE STICKERS FOR DETAILS,  
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PLOTTED BY ROY THOMAS!)

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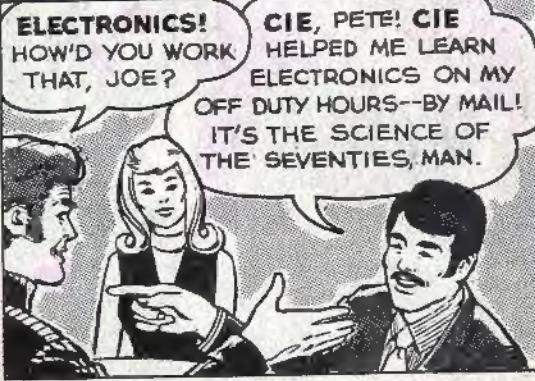
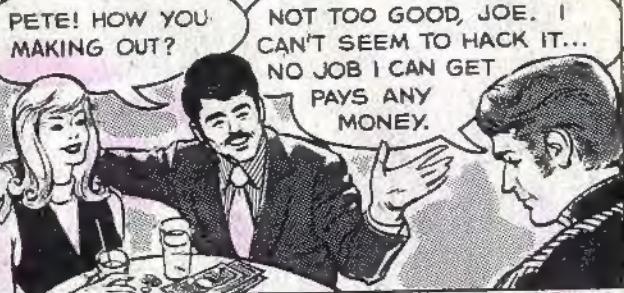


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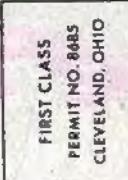


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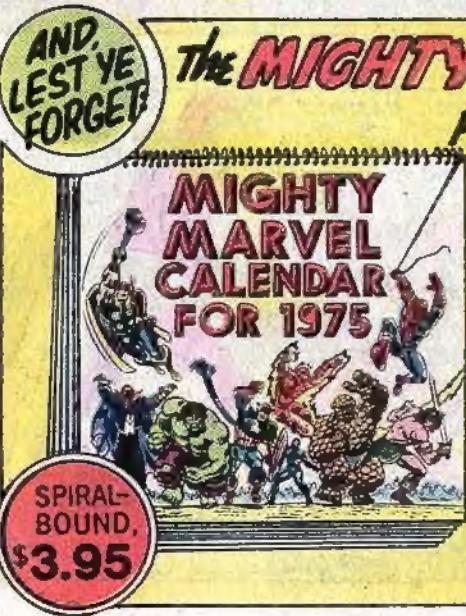
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HOWEVER, AS THE MASTER OF ALL EVIL MUTANTS PONERS THE WISDOM OF HIS DEALINGS WITH THE X-MEN...

ONE OF US HAS TO BREAK FREE... BUT THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY HOPE... UNLESS...

...THAT GLEAMING OBJECT... JUST OUTSIDE MY CAGE! IT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF FANCY FLASHLIGHT!

IN A SPOT LIKE THIS... I CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS ANYTHING, THOUGH!

IF ONLY I CAN REACH IT... WITHOUT BEING ELECTROCUTED ON THE BARS OF THIS CAGE...

...ALMOST HAVE IT... JUST A LITTLE MORE...

GOT IT! NOW, IT SEEMS TO HAVE A CONTROL BUTTON ON TOP!

I'LL JUST PUSH IT AND SEE... IT'S DISINTEGRATING THE BARS!

THEN, WITHIN A MERE FEW SECONDS...

I... I'M FREE! IT'S LIKE THE ANSWER TO A PRAYER!

IF ONLY I CAN FREE THE OTHERS NOW...

DON'T WORRY, SCOTTY, LAD! I'LL HAVE YOU LOOSE IN...

WAIT! IT'S BEEN TOO EASY! THIS MUST BE SOME SORT OF TRAP!

BUT, EVEN IF IT IS... WE CAN'T PASS UP THE CHANCE FOR ONE OF US TO BREAK OUT AND GO FOR HELP!

SO TAKE OFF, BIRDMAN... HEAD FOR AVENGERS HQ! IF THEY CAN'T HELP US...

...NOBODY CAN!

YOU OUGHTA KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, DEPUTY LEADER... SO I'LL DO WHAT I CAN!

UH OH... I GOT A FEELING THIS WINDOW WASN'T MADE FOR MUTANTS WITH A SIX-FOOT WING-SPAN!

BETTER TRY AND FIND ANOTHER WAY OUTTA HERE!



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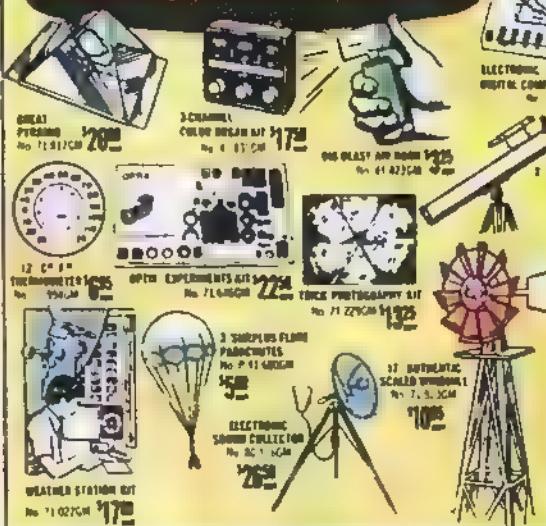
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THEN AS THE WINGED-MUTANT TURNS FROM THE NARROW WINDOW TO SEEK ANOTHER ROUTE OF ESCAPE...

MASTER! ONE OF THEM'S FREE! YOU MUST STOP HIM UNNNGGAH!

ONLY WAY OUT IS PAST MAGNETO! GOTTA HOPE I CAN FLY FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP AHEAD OF HIS MAGNETIC BOLTS!

F I CAN'T... THE LAST HOPE FOR THE X-MEN'S DOWN THE OLD DRAIN!

QUICKSILVER! YOU MUST NOW PROVE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO ME! APPREND THE X-MAN KNOWN AS ANGEL... QUICKLY!

AS YOU WISH, MAGNETO! IT SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM FOR ME SINCE I RECENTLY GAINED THE POWER OF FLIGHT!

AS PEERLESSLY PORTRAYED IN AVENGERS #99! ...SORRY ABOUT THAT STUN.

WHAT IN... QUICKSILVER'S FLYING AFTER ME SINCE WHEN CAN HE MAKE LIKE A KITE?

WELL, THE PROF ALWAYS SAID TO ACT NOW... AND THINK LATER, SO...

HE IS MUCH MORE SKILLED IN THE ART OF AEROBATICS THAN I...

...AND I CANNOT REMAIN AIRBORNE FOR BUT MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS!

A SERIES OF COMPLICATED LOOPS AND BARREL-ROLLS OUGHTA THROW HIM OFF!

THEN...

IT IS USELESS! I MUST RETURN TO THE GROUND WHILE I HAVE ENOUGH MOMENTUM REMAINING TO PERMIT ME A SOFT LANDING!

I HAVE FAILED... BUT, SOMEHOW, I CANNOT REGRET IT!

AND AS THE FLEET-ROOTED EX-AVENGER RETURNS TO THE ISLAND STRONGHOLD OF MAGNETO...

EVEN AFTER THAT UNQUESTIONABLE PROOF THAT QUICK-SILVER HAS TO HED MAGNETO, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HED DESERT THE...

THAT'S IT!  
THAT'S WHO I  
CAN ASK FOR  
HELP!

...BUT I'D  
BETTER JUST  
CONCENTRATE  
ON MAKING  
IT TO NEW  
YORK FOR  
NOW!

THE STRONG  
HEAD-WINDS ARE  
MAKING ME TAKE  
MORE QUICKLY  
THAN I NORMALLY  
WOULD...

MY ONLY HOPE IS  
TO FIND SOME PLACE TO  
REST...UNTIL THE  
STORM PASSES!

I'LL RETURN TO  
NEW YORK AND  
GO DIRECTLY TO  
AVENGER'S  
HEADQUARTERS!  
IF THEY CAN'T  
AID US...

IT'S A LONG  
WAY...AND  
THERE'S A  
WHALE OF A  
STORM BREW-  
ING!

...AND I  
CAN'T SEEM  
TO GET UNDER  
THE STORM

AND THERE IS...  
THAT ROCK  
BELOW...JUTTING  
OUT OF THE  
OCEAN!

THEN MOMENTS LATER, HIS WINGS THROBBING FROM OVER-EXERTION AGAINST THE FURIOUS GALES, THE ANGEL GRABS THE TINY PIECE OF CORAL WHICH PROTRUDES FROM THE SHAKING WATERS LIKE A LONELY VICTIM IN THE MIDST OF AN ANGRY MOB...

SO...TREO! WINGS FEEL AS IF...THEY'LL  
DROP OFF! MUST HANG ON, THOUGH!

EVERYTHING PROFESSOR X  
LIVED FOR...DEFENDS ON  
IT! AND I MUSTN'T FAIL HIM!

FOR IF I DIE HERE... THEN  
THE REST OF THE X-MEN WILL  
PERISH AT THE HANDS OF  
MAGNETO! AND I CAN'T LET  
THAT HAPPEN...I CAN'T!

SUDDENLY HOWEVER, THE  
STORM SUBSIDES...AND A  
RUMBLING LIKE THAT OF  
A THOUSAND CANNONS  
SHATTERS THE AIR...

AS THE TINY PIECE OF  
ROCK TO WHICH THE ANGEL  
CLINGS SUDDENLY RISES  
FROM THE OCEAN...AND A  
NEW ISLAND IS BORN!











THEN, AS THE TRUSTING MUTANT  
BACKS CAUTIOUSLY AWAY...

I MEANT YOU NO  
HARM... BUT I  
COULD NOT AFFORD  
FOR THE SECRET  
OF MY PEOPLE TO  
BE DISCOVERED!

OH, YEAH...  
WELL  
YOU'VE  
SURE GOT  
A FUNNY  
WAY OF  
SHOWING  
IT!

THE SAGA OF A  
LOST RACE IS KNOWN  
TO ME ALONE  
AMONG ALL LIVING  
RACES...

... AND I  
COULD NOT  
LET IT BE  
DISCOVERED  
BY MERELY THE  
FIRST PERSON  
WHO STUMBED  
ACROSS OUR  
FORTRESS!

PERHAPS, BUT  
I CONCEAL A  
SECRET I MUST  
PROTECT WITH MY  
VERY LIFE!

YOU SEE, I AM RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE EXTINCTION OF MY  
PEOPLE... AND THEREFORE I  
MUST GUARD THE SECRET OF  
THEIR FORMER EXISTENCE  
MOST CAREFULLY!

"WHEN I WAS BUT  
A TINY CHILD, MY  
PARENTS WERE ON  
A FLIGHT TO THE  
UNITED STATES,  
FROM THEIR FORMER  
HOME IN EUROPE..."

"... WHICH FLEW INTO A VIOLENT STORM!  
THE LAST REPORT FROM THE PLANE STATED  
THAT IT WAS FLYING INTO A DENSE CLOUD  
FORMATION."

"WHAT MEN COULD  
NEVER KNOW WAS THAT  
THE AIRCRAFT HAD FINALLY  
CRASH-LANDED IN THE  
DOMAIN OF THE EIRD-PEOPLE  
... WHICH EXISTED ON AN  
ISLAND IN THE SKY!"

"UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS THE ONLY ONE TO SURVIVE THE CRASH, AND...

BUT, EXCELCENCY... HE IS BUT A  
TINY CHILD! WE CAN RAISE HIM  
AS ONE OF OUR OWN!"

VERY WELL...  
BUT YOU WILL  
EVER BE  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR HIS ACTIONS.

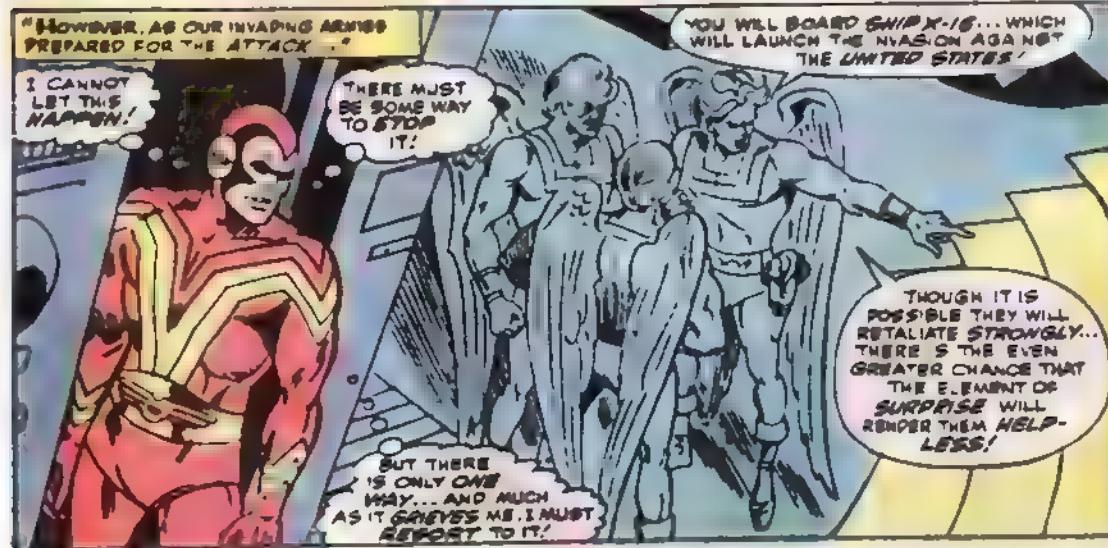


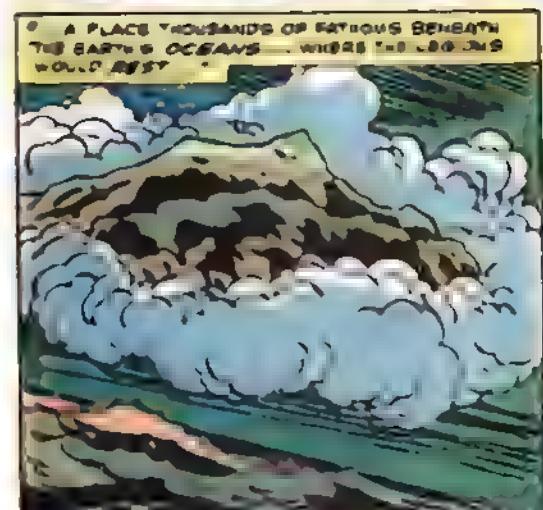
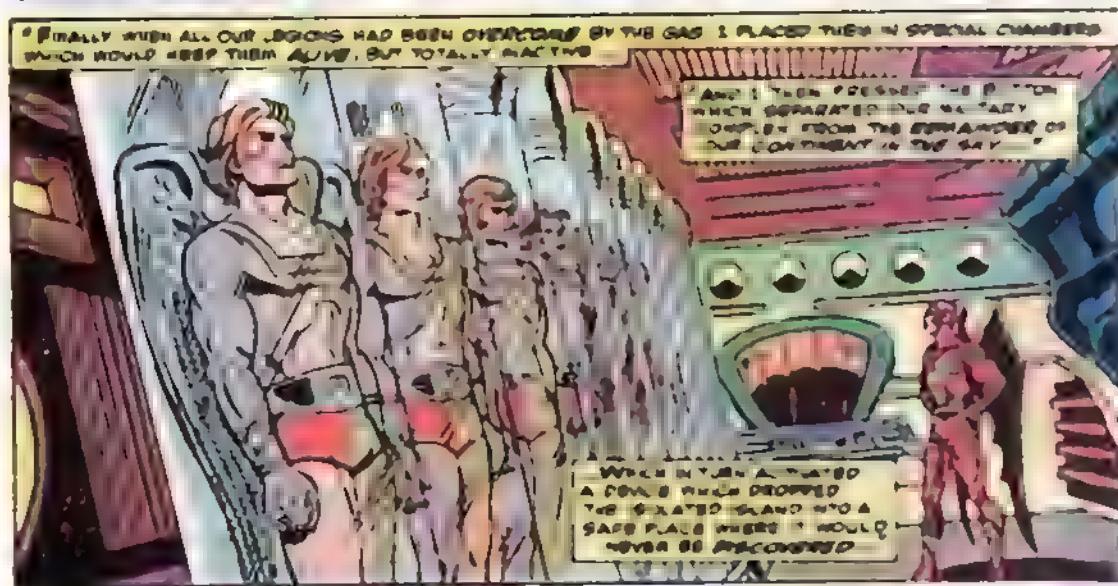
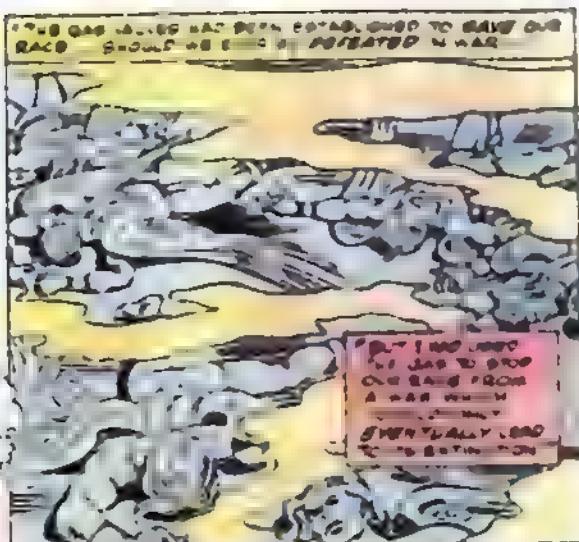
"I GREW TO MANHOOD WITHOUT EVER SUSPECTING THAT I WAS  
DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE... UNTIL, ON MY TWENTY-FIRST  
BIRTHDAY..."

TODAY I AM A MAN!  
BUT, ON THIS DAY I ALSO  
REALIZE I'M NOT ONE OF  
YOU

I AM FORCED TO BELIEVE THAT, SOMEHOW, I AM ACTUALLY THE OFFSPRING  
OF ONE OF THE ACCURSED EARTH-MEN... THOSE WHOM YOU PLAN TO  
OBELITERATE!

THEREFORE, IT IS  
MY WISH TO CONVINCE  
YOU TO LEAVE THE  
EARTH-MEN IN  
PEACE!





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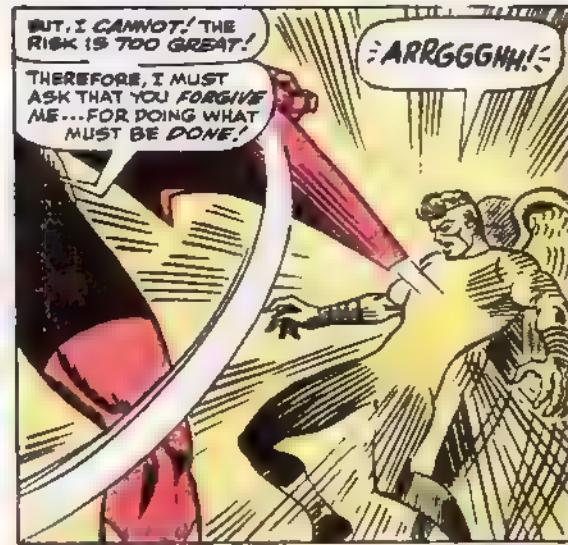
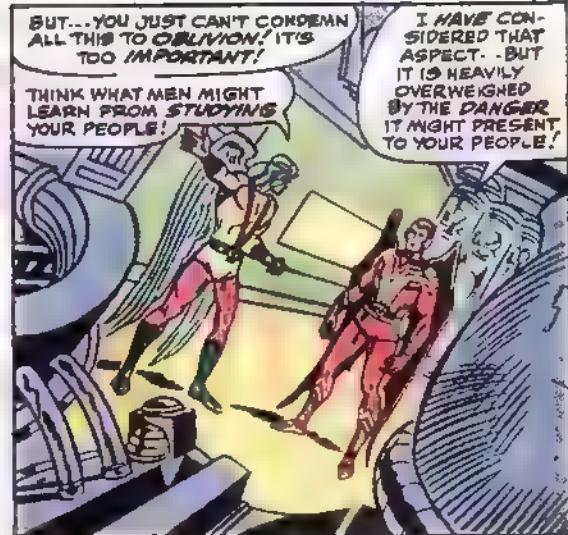
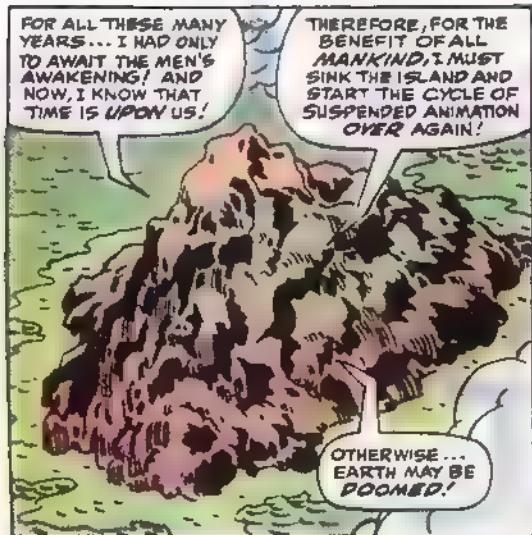
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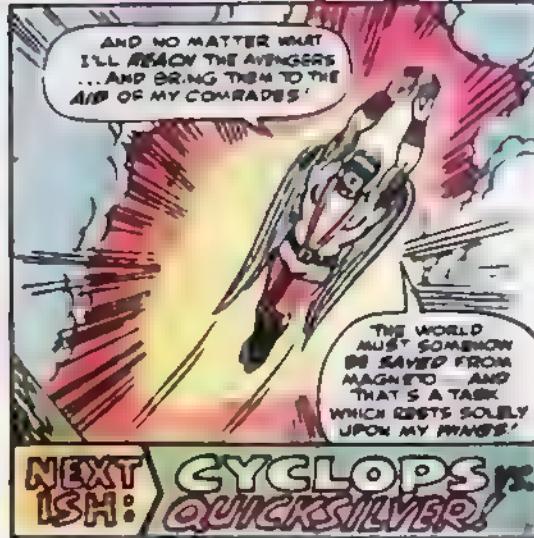
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# THE WARNING!



FLARING DOWN FROM OUTER SPACE, THE BURNING METEOR HURLES EARTHWARD AS THE PEOPLE FLEE



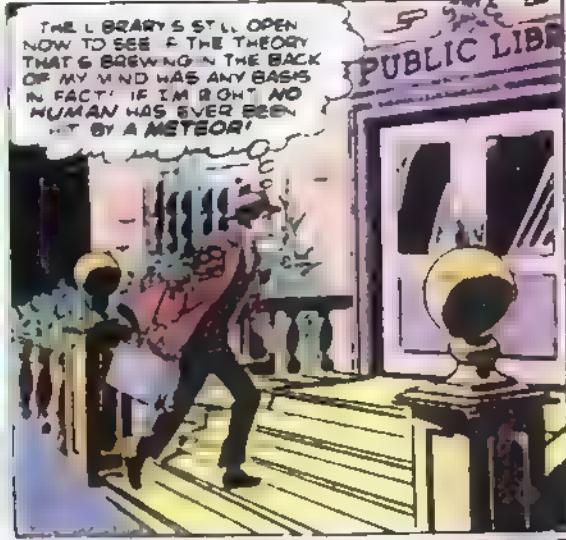
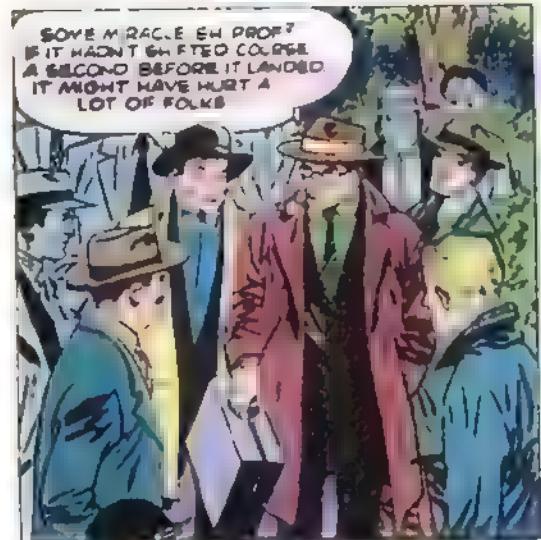
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BEFORE THE METEOR EVEN COOLED  
PROFESSOR RALPH FELD, HEAD  
ASTRONOMER AT THE LOCAL OBSERVATORY  
EXAMINES THE STRANGE ALIEN IMAGE



## PAEANS AND SELF-PLAUDITS FROM THE PUNDITS OF PANDEMONIUM!

## STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hang in there, hero! We've got a couple of mind-blowin' items for you this month, so let's zero right in. First, how lucky can you be? You'll be seeing more sensational stories than ever from ol' ROY THOMAS from now on. Yep, the Rascally One has been itching to devote more of his time to writing, and he's finally decided to take the plunge. Hence, from this day forth, our award-winning editor becomes Editor Emeritus, a title he so richly deserves as I hereby announce (and not without a twinge of envy) that he'll be scripting more Marvel masterworks than ever before. So here's to the youngest titleholder in all of Emeritusdom—long may he reign! Next, I'll describe our new editorial lineup in detail but for now—onward!

It hadda happen! There's another Comics Con a coming! But not just any other comics book convention—nope, this time it's a MARVEL Con! That's right—during Easter vacation time, your batty Bullpen is putting together one of the most exciting projects of the year for Marveldom Assembled. At a major New York hotel we'll be holding the biggest brassiest brain-blastin'est Marvel convention of all time! It'll be three full days of fun, fantasy and fan heaven as you mingle with the greatest names in the Marvel galaxy! So, if you're planning a go-away vacation during Easter, we just wanna alert you—New York's where it'll all be happening! More info next month!

One last word, gang. I'm really overwhelmed by all the college lecture offers you've been tossin' this way. I wish there was time to accept each one, but I want you to know I'm frantically trying to juggle my schedule so I can do as many as possible. I don't know whether all of academia wants to hear about Marvel, or if you're just trying to keep me on the move so I won't have time to write any more Soapboxes! But whatever it is, keep those cards and letters comin', folks! And remember, it's time to take a load to lunch!

Excuse me.

Stan

ITEM! Let's roll out the red carpet for Free Wheelin' FRANK ROBBINS, Marvel's newest artist and bon vivant! As many of you know, Frank's the artist and writer of the newspaper comic strip *Johnny Hazard*, and is considered by his peers to be one of the finest craftsmen in the business.

Now, after cutting his incisors on a superb tale or two in the pages of *ADVENTURES INTO FEAR*, Frank has stepped in to give our pal SAC-OUT EMA a well-earned rest from the pages of *CAPTAIN AMERICA*—and to team up with Roy the Boy on a brand-new 50¢ title due to debut early in '75. Is it like *THE INVADERS*? Who's going to be in this newest, most exciting super group? Well, leave you guessin' for a month or so, pligrim. Suffice it to say that we think the inepic of this battin' legion is going to catch nearly everybody off guard and that Free Wheelin' Frank will definitely have his hands full!

ITEM! Speaking of artist switches, it's nostalgia time as Genie GENE COLAN once more takes over the reins of our *DR. STRANGE* strip. Remember those fabulistic classics of yesteryear? Well, get set to have em all eclipsed by the new team of COLAN, CONANSON and ENGLEHART! As for the previous artist, Frazar FRANK HORNER, he's keepin' busy as the most requested back-to-back features of all time. Yep, we're talkin' about none other than HOWARD THE DUCK, who's now appearing regularly in the pages of our quarterly *GIANT-SIZE MAN THING* mag, where else? When you ask for things long enough and loud enough round Marveldom you get 'em! Okay, okay, we know we know—so where's the Silver Surfer?

ITEM! In case you haven't noticed, we've added a new 50¢-center or two as well. St. on sale hopefully's our new *GIANT-SIZE KID COLT* title which spotlights the wildest new western team-ups ever! And this month sees *GIANT-SIZE CHILLERS* #1 with art by ALCALA, ALCAZAR and right on thru the alphabet with Marvel's greatest mystery artists. What's more, December will herald the way-outest new mag of all—

**GIANT-SIZE SUPER-VILLAIN TEAM-UP**, co-starring just for starters, mind you, Dr. Doom and the savage Sub-Mariner! How's that for an off-the-wall, brain-buster of a announcement? Well, if that does it, how about this? *THE X-MEN* are coming back in brand new faces in a giant-size mag due to debut just a couple of short months from now! We could've held back on that one, but we wanted to give all you mutants-busters a chance to start saving your radioactive shekels!

ITEM! Oh, and just so you don't think you've gone completely bananas, we thought we'd best clue you in that, due to circumstances beyond our control, the first issue of our new \$1 magazine *MARVEL PREVIEW* (introducing the long-awaited new feature *Man-Gods from Beyond The Stars*) was delayed at the last possible moment and will be on sale in the next few weeks instead of right now, as we announced last issue. Sorry about that, friends, but we wanted to put it that genii up just right for you. Mind you, though, the premiere issue of our new \$1.50 title *UNKNOWN WORLDS OF SCIENCE FICTION* is on sale complete with complete versions of stories like *Wynham's Day of the Triffids* masterpiece Bob Shaw's stirring *Slow Glass*, tales of art and story by the likes of COLAN, CONWAY, FREAS, ADAMS, WILLIAMSON, ISABELLA KALUTA and that illustrious *He Plus*! Plus an exclusive photo-filled interview with the one and only RAY BRADBURY! Face it, effend!—if science fiction's ever gonna make it in the comics medium, this is the one! Only \$1.50 for 84 big pages and worth every horrid penny at your newsstands now!

End of unabashed plug—and of Bullpen Page! We return you now to our regular, y-scheduled comic-mag!

## MIGHTY MARVEL STRIKES AGAIN!

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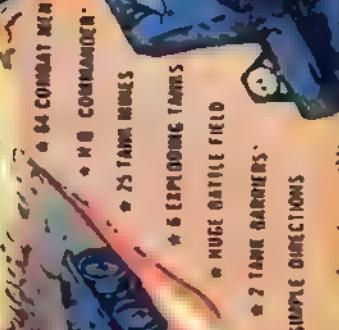
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WITH SCIENTIFIC DETACHMENT RALPH FELD CHECKS RECORDS. MANY METEOR IMPACTS ARE REPORTED. ONE FELL IN 902, IN A TOWN IN ARIZONA. RONIN IN THE MIDDLE OF MAIN STREET BUT NO ONE WAS HURT.



IN CARO IN THE YEAR 1029 THE PEOPLE RAN THROUGH THE STREETS AS FANTASTIC FIREBALLS CROSSED THE NIGHT SKY



NOR WAS EVEN ONE OF ANCIENT CARO'S WOODEN BUILDINGS LEFT ABLAZE BY THE RECENT METEORS



IN 927 A METEOR BURNED THE FOLIAGE IN THE SNOWS OF SIERRA CLOSE TO A LOGGING CAMP BUT NO ONE WAS HARMED



AND AS RALPH FELD READS ON HE FINDS THAT THE METEOR SHOWER INJURED NOT ONE PERSON



FOR THREE DAYS PROFESSOR FELD BURIED HIMSELF IN THE NEWSPAPER FILES CHECKING THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS

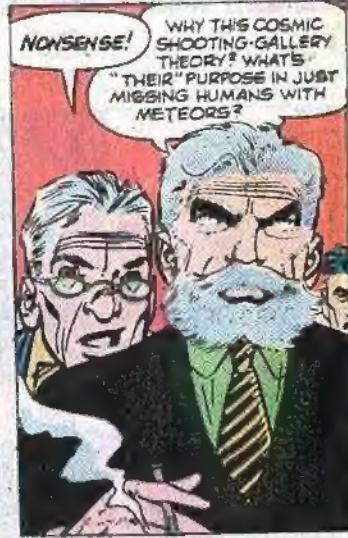
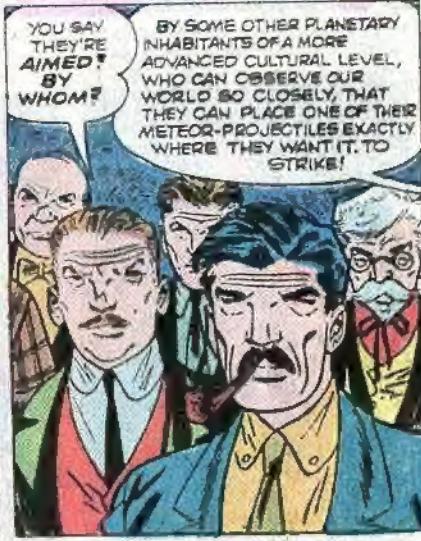


YET THE UNFORGOTTEN INCIDENTS OF METEORS ARE FEW, SINCE ONCE HAS ANYONE BEEN HIT BY A THEORY'S BRIGHT LIGHT. THE SEASON MAY NO ONE HAS BEEN HARMED BY A METEOR



EXCITEDLY, RALPH FIELD GOES TO THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE! THERE, HE REQUESTS A SPECIAL MEETING...

TWO NIGHTS LATER, BEFORE THE ASSEMBLED TOP SCIENTISTS OF THE NATION, PROFESSOR FIELD STRIDES ONTO THE ROSTRUM CONFIDENTLY...



SCOFFED AT BY HIS FELLOW SCIENTISTS, RALPH FIELD TAKES HIS CASE TO THE PAPERS.



BUT PROFESSOR FIELD'S THEORY IS PAID LITTLE HEED! A JOINT SPACE TRAVEL PROJECT IS ALREADY UNDER WAY! A SHIP BUILT WITH THE AID OF SCIENTISTS FROM EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, IS FINALLY COMPLETED.



AT THE U.N. BUILDING THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY PUSHES A BUTTON WHICH STARTS THE PILOTLESS ROBOT SHIP'S ROCKETS BLASTING!

SUDDENLY, GATHERING STARTLING SPEED, THE SHIP RACES SKYWARD...

ON A VIEWSCREEN FED BY A GIANT TELESCOPE, ROCKETMEN WATCH THE ROBOT SHIP'S ASCENT...



BUT SUDDENLY, THE SMOOTHLY OPERATING SHIP GUVERS IN SPACE, STANDS MOTIONLESS AND THEN NOSES EARTHWARD, OUT OF CONTROL...

RACING BACK TO EARTH, THE UNMANNED SHIP CRASHES...

LOOK! HERE'S WHAT CAUSED THE CRASH! A METEOR HIT THE CONTROL SECTION... DEAD CENTER!

RALPH FIELD IS RIGHT! THEY ARE AIMED!





# I'll guide you step by step into your own thriving business

• While keeping your present job, would you like to gross \$14 or \$21 profit per hour?

*a true story by Bob Ferrel*

many things we could not afford before. My efforts were so much more productive. I scheduled my time to my own liking. When we wanted a day or two off, we took it. I worked hard but, if I wanted to be home early or quit at noon, I did.

This is not a business for a lazy man. But if a man is ambitious and will work to deserve those nice things in life we all want, this business is made to order for such a man.

I became so enthusiastic about this business and so appreciative of what it had brought my family that, whenever a man opened a dealership near me, I helped him get a quick start.

The company learned about this and had each new dealer in my section of Michigan spend a day with me. One day the president of Duraclean Company asked me how I would like to move to Headquarters and spend my entire time helping dealers to increase their sales and profits.

That was good news to my ears. Since then I have worked with hundreds of our dealers in their own towns and at regional meetings, conventions and dealer group meetings. But much of the time I am right here at my desk in touch with our dealers by letter and telephone.

Incidentally I sold my dealership at a good profit. Dealers sell their Duraclean businesses for up to ten times their cost. After 30 months, Leo Lubel sold for \$7,116 above his cost. If for any reason a dealer wants to sell, we maintain service to locate buyers and help him sell.

Our job here at Headquarters is to show each individual Duraclean dealer how to use his own abilities to bring him greatest success. I know hundreds of our dealers on a first name basis. We work together as one happy family. If you become a Duraclean dealer, I'll be as close to you as your telephone or mail box.

## It's Easier than You Think To Build Your Own Business

If you've wanted to BE YOUR OWN BOSS... to become financially independent and have a fast growing income, now YOU CAN. And you own a "Nationally Advertised business."

You can stay at your present job while your customer list grows... then switch to full time, lining up jobs for your servicemen to do. One job a day brings a good starting income.

If you hire two servicemen (full or part time) while you keep your job, the national price guide provides you a gross profit of \$14 an hour on their work and this is much easier to do than you think. We show you how... step by step. That's \$490 for a 35 hour week.

Your gross profit on three servicemen is \$21 per hour. Duraclean dealers find it easy to gross \$7 per hour on EACH serviceman plus \$12 an hour on any service they themselves render. The 24 page illustrated booklet we'll mail you (with no obligation) explains how most of your gross profit becomes clear net profit. Your income is limited only by the number of servicemen you employ.

You can operate from a shop, office, or your home. Equipment is light and portable.

At the start, you may want to render service yourself... or you can start with full or part time servicemen. This business is easy to learn... easy to start... so easy to service that women dealers do it. We prefer you have no experience... not have to "unlearn" old ways.

We are NOW enlarging this worldwide system of individually-owned service businesses. If you are reliable, honest and willing to work to become financially independent, we invite you to mail the coupon.

When you receive our illustrated booklet, you will see the way we show you step by step how to quickly get customers... and still more customers from their recommendations.

You have 7 superior services that are rendered "on location" in homes, offices, hotels, theaters, clubs, motels and institutions.

The steadily growing income brought us

Some years ago I was a printer in a small Michigan town. I drew a pretty fair pay check but it wouldn't stretch far enough to provide the kind of living I wanted for my wife and five children.

Then one day I was reading a magazine just as you now are and I saw an ad. It intrigued me. It offered me the steadily growing income I had always hoped for. It said I would have greater security and personal independence... and that's what I had been wanting.

I was a little skeptical, but I said to myself, "for a postage stamp I can find out." So I mailed the coupon. In a few days, I got a letter with a booklet that gave the whole story. It opened my eyes. I could see why owning my own business was so much easier than I had always thought... why the day to day guidance of a successful worldwide organization could assure my own success.

I read the booklet several times. It just seemed too good to be true. I talked it over with my wife. We decided that now was the time to make the forward step... there was no reason to keep postponing an income increase.

So, I applied for a Duraclean dealership and was accepted. I stayed with my job... ran a few ads... sent some mailings... contacted a few stores and told my friends about the superior services I was now equipped to give them. Evenings and Saturdays, I rendered the services. As the business grew, I added servicemen.

I found that I didn't have to develop a single idea myself. Every step had been prepared for me and pre-tested. Hundreds of other men had already proven my methods successful.

It didn't take long to see that I was making three to four times (yes, 3 to 4 times) as much per hour in my own business as in my printing job. So, after only seven months with a good following of customers, I quit my job to go full time on my own. In the meantime, I had enjoyed all this extra income on top of my salary.

Each day, we realized what a serious mistake not mailing that coupon would have been... and how that little act that seemed so trivial at the time actually changed our lives.

The steadily growing income brought us

the prestige and endorsement of leading furniture makers and carpet mills, of Parents' Magazine and McCall's, of Research and Testing Laboratories.

National magazine advertising explains superior merits of your services, builds your customer confidence and brings job leads to you.

We and a Duraclean dealer will train you and assist you. He'll reveal his successful, proven methods. You have pre-tested newspaper and yellow-page ads, commercials, and a full mailing program.

Stores, upholsterers, insurance adjustors, and decorators refer jobs to our dealers. These year 'round services are in constant demand.

## Start Small, Grow Big in this Booming Business

Many men have said to us, "I can't afford to give up my job till I know I have a sure thing... a sound business that will provide both security and a better living for my family."

That made sense to us so we worked out such a plan... and those same men are now enjoying a Duraclean dealership in many communities. You don't experiment. You use tested, proven methods. You have our backing and "know how."

Does this appeal to you? Don't decide now. Mail the coupon so you'll have the facts to decide wisely. There is no obligation. You'll then know whether this is what you want.

You can start small and grow big. A third century ago Duraclean was an idea... but it caught fire and spread to a world wide service. Why did it spread? (1) superior processes, (2) proven customer-getting methods (3) Day to day guidance from Headquarters.

Our first service, the care of upholstery and carpets not only cleans, it enlivens the fibers... revives dull colors. Pile rises with new life. There's no harsh machine scrubbing. No soaking. Mild saponified foam lightly applied lifts out dirt, grease, many unsightly spots like magic. Furnishings are used again in a few hours.

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Less than \$1500 establishes YOUR OWN business. A day's profit more than pays the monthly payments we finance for you.

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TODAY is the time to reserve a Duraclean dealership, before someone takes your location.

It's been said, "Opportunity knocks but once at every man's door." This could be that one rare opportunity in your life.

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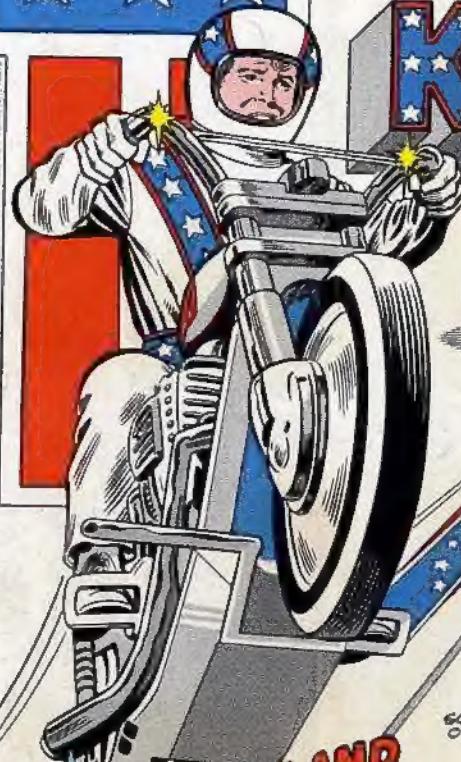
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